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## Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 600,000 Dollars.

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## HONGKONG.

## INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

## LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

MR. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 31st of July, 1876.

SAYLE & Co.

Hongkong, March 16, 1877. ap16

## NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping. 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877. sc18

## NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. sp2

## VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. CRUIKSHANK,

Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## Auctions.

## GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

## SATURDAY,

the 31st March, 1877, at Noon.—Crockery and Glass Ware, Toilet Basins, Water Jugs, Bowls, Chambers, Pickle Jars, Decanters, Tumblers, Flower Stands, &c. Silk Umbrellas, Letter Paper and Envelopes, Foolscap Paper, Cologne Water.

Also,

7 cases Soda Crystals. 5 boxes Californian Potatoes, 26 " do. Apples. 4 " do. Dried Fruits.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877. mc31

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## THURSDAY,

the 12th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—ON THE SPOT (Unless previously disposed of by Private Sale).

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 54, comprising 10,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 100 feet, and from East to West 100 feet, with a substantial Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses built thereon, known as "Carlton House." Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

And,

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial Brick Godown built thereon.

Also,

That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled GROUND, attached to the above Lot, and Registered in Land Office as same Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet. Annual Crown Rent, \$186.08, for Inland Lot No. 768.

TERMS.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the remainder on completion of the Deed of Transfer. The Buildings will be at purchaser's risk after the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 13, 1877. ap12

## To Let.

NO. 3, PROHIN TERRACE, ELGIN STREET, with Immediate Possession. Apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 7, Cairne Road, lately occupied by Mr. PARKER. House No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIDD. Bismar Villa, Pok-fou-lum, Furnished. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

## TO LET.

THE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road. The Dwelling House No. 2, Gough Street. Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 17, 1876.

## TO BE LET.

THE PREMISES No. 39, Queen's Road, at present in the occupation of the BORNEO COMPANY.

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1877.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY Next, the 16th instant, the Steamer *POW-LAY* will Run as a Night Boat between HONGKONG and CANTON, leaving Hongkong on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 5.30 p.m., and Canton on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, at 5.00 p.m.

By Order,

P. A. DA COSTA,

Secretary. Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

## WANTED.

SOME Active Intelligent Men as TURN-KEYS in VICTORIA GAOL. Salary Commencing at \$40 per Month, with Quarters and Uniform. Applications to be made to the Acting Superintendent of the Gaol.

VICTORIA GAOL,

Hongkong, March 23, 1877. mc30

ERNEST WASSILL & Co., PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO., under the above Style. ERNEST WASSILL.

Hongkong, March 8, 1877. ap1

## Intimations.

## MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

JUST LANDED EX S. S. "BELGIO."

COMB HONEY, CRUET HONEY, CALIFORNIA BUTTER, in 2 lb. Glass Jars, very fine, BUTTER in Kegs, CHEESE, HAMS, SMOKED SALMON, SALMON, in 1 & 2 lb. Tins, Libby's CORNED BEEF, in 2 & 4 lb. Tins, Libby's CORNED TONGUES,

Also Ex "Fiking."

Royal Glen Dee WHISKY, OATMEAL,

Perry & Co.'s Superior BURMAH CIGARS.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877. ap5

THE MEDICAL HALL, 37, Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1853. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

## HONGKONG.

Chs. J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road, NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS, &c., &c., &c., Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee. All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876. ti

## NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been Appointed SOLE AGENTS for China and Japan, for JOSEPH STARKEY, LONDON, Manufacturer of GOLD and SILVER LACERS, Embroidery, &c., and Military and Naval Appointments of every Description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand, for the Regiments stationed here, as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN NAVIES. Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

## NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "CARIBALDI" will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

## NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been TRANSFERRED to THE MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

187, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO.

20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836. CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING. RESERVE FUND, £340,000.

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT CO., and has Appointed Mr. A. McIVER as its AGENT in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE CO. by any First Class Steamer.

A. McIVER,

Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. ap17

## Intimations.

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD. Requests to inform his Friends that he intends being ABSENT from HONGKONG for Six or Eight Weeks, leaving early in APRIL. Hongkong, March 12, 1877.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr. Anyon has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 37, Praya, or to Mr. Far Jack, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention. Hongkong, March 19, 1877. ap19

## For Sale.

## SAYLE & Co.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

IN Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS. On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard. DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard. FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.

JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.

LADIES' Boys' and GIRLS' FELT HATS, at Half Price.

FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.

100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.

Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMNANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOES, FRINGS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

## SAYLE & Co.

QUEEN'S ROAD & STANLEY STREET.

## VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

## FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS. Apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

## FOR SALE.

JUST ARRIVED BY FRENCH STEAMER "FRANÇOIS I."

ONE YOUNG PANTHER, only Six Months Old, as Quiet as a Cat. Apply, on Board, to the CAPTAIN. Hongkong, March 28, 1877. ap4

## FOR SALE.

THE well known OTARD DUFFY & Co.'s BRANDY in Cases of 12 qt. Bottles and a Small Lot of MEDOC CHARENT in qt. Bottles.

Apply to

L. L. BUSH.

Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

## FOR SALE.

JUST LANDED EX S. S. "Heperia."

H. PIER & Co.'s Celebrated CHAM-PAÑE PAGNE CARTE BLANCHE, CARTE BLANCHE SEC and CARTE DOREE in Qts. and Pints.

Also—The well known OTARD DUFFY & Co.'s BRANDY in Cases of 12 qt. Bottles and a Small Lot of MEDOC CHARENT in qt. Bottles.

Apply to

L. L. BUSH.

Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

## FOR SALE, AT CANTON.

A STEAM COTTON MILL, well adapted for Working Native COTTON, either NINGPO or TIENTSIN. Capable of Making 5 piculs of Yarn in 12 hours, consisting of—Steam Engine and Boiler 15 Horse Power. Nominal, 1,280 Spindles, 12 Carding and 2 Drawing Machines, 1 Speeder 18 Spindles, 1 Stretcher 80 Spindles, 1 Lap Machine, 1 Cotton Gin, Bobbins, &c., with Shafting and Belting Complete.

For Further Particulars and Terms of Sale, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. ap14

## For Sale.

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D., Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## Shipping.

## Steamers.

## FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "CHINA," P. H. HENNINGSEN, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877. mc80

## FOR BANGKOK.

The Spanish Steamer "ZAMBOANGA," Capt. THEBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on the 31st instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

AH YON.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877. mc81

## FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. THEBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on the 31st instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. MACG. HEATON.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877. ap2

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIBRE," Comdt. DE GIRARD, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TRAUADY," Comdt. GAUVAIN, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

## Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "MYSTIC BELLE," PLUMER, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, March 10, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "MUNEAR," W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The 12 years 8/3 L 1 1 Danish Bark "KORSOR," L. C. GHOVE, Master, will load here and will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The British Ship "ANGLO SAXON," O. HARRINGTON, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 9, 1877.



## Notices to Consignees.

O. &amp; O. S. S. Co.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by Steamship *BEIGU*, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, from whence delivery can be obtained upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

\* Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. B. EMORY,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap2

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. *KHIVA*.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the *NEPAUL* from London, and *DECCAN* from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

\* Goods not delivered by the 2nd Proximo will be subject to rent.

A. McIVER,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap2

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenartney*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before 11 a.m. To-morrow, the 28th Instant.

\* Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, March 27, 1877. ap8

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH SHIP *WINDERMERE*, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

\* Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 26, 1877. ap3

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

\* No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY,

Agent.

Ex *Pai-Ho*, March 7th, 1877.

B'on Overbeck, F No. 13, 1 case Effects.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *DJEMNAH*.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Craig* forth and *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 5 o'clock To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

\* Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

\* Goods remaining undelivered after 29th March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 24, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHOW.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for Transshipment per S. S. "Haitong" for TAMSUI and TAIWANFOO.)

The Steamship *"NAMO"*, Capt. Westcott, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877. ap1

## NOTICE.

S. & C. J., 1 drum 1 Distillants in Diamond 1 cask 1 Distillants SHIPPED BY SAWELL & COWELL.

CONSIGNEES of the above named Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods have been landed and stored, and are now lying at their risk and expense in the Godowns of the Undersigned.

MELOHERS &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877. ap5

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

ANY CLAIMS against the British Barque *"PALESTINE"* must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon of SATURDAY, the 31st Instant, or they will not be recognized.

MELOHERS &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877. mc81

## FOR SHANGHAI.

The Departure of the S. S. *"GLENARTNEY"* is unavoidably postponed until Noon To-morrow.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877. mc80

WANTED, A Young Man as CLERK, either Portuguese or Chinese, to be able to Read and Write Chinese and English. Apply by Letter, address: (J) c/o China Mail Office.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877. ap1

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

## RACE HORSES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their Sales Rooms, Praya Central, on

## TUESDAY,

the 3rd April, 1877, at 4 o'clock p.m.—The following RACE HORSES, lately imported:—

A Chestnut GELDING, won three Races in Australia.

A Bay GELDING, Maiden.

A Grey do. do.

A Chestnut FILLY.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877. ap3

## FOR SALE,

THIS IRON SCREW STEAMER

"ALBAT."

THE above Steamer was built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs DOUGIE & Co., under special survey of Lloyd's, and Her MACHINERY and BOILER were made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN & Co., under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general Repairs in 1876, when New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 3 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Afting Deck, 7 feet 4 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.

CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyd's. Rig.—Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet).

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet; Loaded 12½ feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8½ to 9 tons of coal per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coal.

CABIN.—Under Afting Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with accommodation for 12 first-class passengers.

## MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Howden's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 90 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter; Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Bessemer Steel of 4 Blades, with One Spare Set of Blades.

WINCH.—One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 80 pounds.

MORRIS &amp; RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

## FOR SALE.

A MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power Nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra Surface Condenser and TUBULAR BOILER. Consumption, 2 Tons per 24 Hours.

The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messrs Matthew Paul & Co., Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturgis, Manila.

Particulars may be obtained on application to MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALDER BESSE, American barque, Captain S. Noyes.—Kosario & Co.

FORBES, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. G. Scherer.—Melchers & Co.

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Siemssen & Co.

ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

PAKOLA, American 8-m. schooner, Capt. H. W. Lamb.—Landstein & Co.

ECHO, British barque, Capt. George W. Toller.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

WINDMILL, British ship, Capt. Mann.—Meyer & Co.

ISIS, Dutch schooner, Captain J. Wierter, sold.—Order.

ROSETTA McNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagensen & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

AN Intermediate Sitting of the Vice-ADMIRALTY COURT OF HONGKONG, will be held on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of April, 1877, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

By Order,

F. S. HUFFAM,

Deputy Registrar.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877. ap3

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 29, China, German steamer, from Canton.

March 29, H.M.S. *Fly*, from a Cruise.

March 29, *Nestor*, British steamer, 1414, J. K. Webster, Shanghai March 22, and Foochow 27, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

March 29, *Zamboanga*, Spanish steamer, 470, V. Aranguren, Saigon March 24, Rize.—REMBERT & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 29, *Annie S. Hall*, for Tientsin.

29, *Antenor*, for Shanghai.

29, *Cypreus*, for Saigon.

29, *Kashgar*, for Europe, &c.

29, *Cheong Hock Kian*, for Swatow.

## CLEARED.

*Glory*, for Bangkok.

*Viscount MacDuff*, for Whampoa.

*Cargo*, for London.

*Pernambuco*, for Saigon.

*Glenartney*, for Shanghai.

*China*, for Shanghai via Ningpo.

*St. Anne*, for Tientsin.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per *Nestor*, from Shanghai and Foochow, 18 Chinese.

Per *Zamboanga*, from Saigon, 19 deck, 18 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Kashgar*, for Southampton, Miss Wilkinson.

Per *Antenor*, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.

Per *Cypreus*, for Saigon, 72 Chinese.

Per *Cheong Hock Kian*, for Swatow, 250 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per *Pernambuco*, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.

Per *China*, for Shanghai via Ningpo, 80 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Nestor* reports: Had strong winds from N.N.E. and N.E. and heavy sea, and heavy rain from Foochow here.

The Spanish steamer *Zamboanga*, from Saigon, reports: Fresh S.S.E. winds up to Macleodfield, from thence to Hongkong N.E. and high sea.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI.—Per *GLENARTNEY*, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 30th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SAIGON.—Per *HANKOW*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 31st inst.

For SINGAPORE, SUZ & LONDON.—Per *NESTOR*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 31st inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI, TAIWAN, and FOOCHOW.—Per *NAMO*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 31st inst. Instead of as previously notified.

For MANILA.—Per *ESMERALDA*, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 2nd April.

For COCKTOWN, SYDNEY, E. AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, and TASMANIA.—Per *BOWEN*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 3rd April. 12 cents rate.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet *BEIGU* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 3rd April, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.

2.30 p.m. Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage until

2.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.

Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.

General Post Office, Hongkong, March 29, 1877. ap3

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—The French Contract Packet *PEIHO* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 5th April, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, April 4.—

5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, April 5.—

7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m. Registry of Letters closes.

11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877. ap3

## General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, April 1:—

Daylight.—*Namo* leaves for Coas

MONDAY, April 2:—

Noon.—*Esmeralda* leaves for M. Goods per *Khiva* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, April 3:—

11 a.m.—Sitting in Admiralty.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

4 p.m.—Sale of Race Horses, at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s Sales Rooms, Praya.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge. Goods per *Glenartney* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, April 5:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

THURSDAY, April 12:—

2 p.m.—Sale of Ground, at Queen's Road East.

SATURDAY, April 14:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

10 a.m.—*China* leaves for Ningpo and Shanghai.

Noon.—*Glenartney* leaves for Shanghai.

## MEMOS. FOR SATURDAY.

## Shipping.

Daylight.—*Zamboanga* leaves for F'gkok. Goods per *Belgio* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the *Palestine* must be sent in to the Agents before Noon.

Auction.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.40 p.m.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1877.

The world has not hitherto expected much from Siam, but according to a correspondent of the *Atlas Californica*, who writes from Bangkok under date of the 20th December last, the Siamese will "loom up suddenly some



doctor came from the *Anterior* which was lying close by. There were \$32 wages due to him, as also \$8 found in his box. His effects were handed over to the Shipping Master. The deceased never complained during the time he was on board since the 1st March.

Mr Stockhausen stated that the deceased had been boarding in his hotel several times. He owed \$16 to the house and had a box of effects there. It was not detained because of this claim. The deceased never complained of illness during the time he was in the house. He was of perfectly temperate habits.

The Jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

### Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

March 29, 1877.

#### DAMAGE OF TREES.

Tin Acheung, a goat-owner, again appeared to answer the charge of allowing goats to destroy Government trees at Wanchai. Inspector Cleaver reported that since the adjournment, no goats had been near the place. Fined \$5.

#### A VAGRANT.

Wan Lin Kwai, a carpenter, was brought up for being a vagrant, having been found in the Sundry Box at Government Court. He had been brought up before the Court a month ago, and was given 20 cents to enable him to go to Canton. Seven days' hard labour.

#### CHINA FIRE.

Richard Welch, a ship's steward, at present boarding at the Sailor's Home, was brought up for refusing to pay the chair which he had used for more than two hours. He was also drunk. The defendant who had been convicted once before was fined \$2, and ordered to pay 50 cents amends, or 8 days' imprisonment.

#### ROBBERY AT A GRAVE.

Chun Angow and Chun Fook Sun were again brought up to answer the charge of robbing a dead body of some ornaments. Inspector Cradock testified to receiving the report and to proceeding to the grave said to have been robbed. He found the lid of the coffin out. He then went to 104 Queen's Road West and arrested the 1st prisoner, who was pointed out by the approver. There was a woman with him in the lot, and as the prisoner was being led away, he said something to the woman, who then went to the kitchen, whither the Inspector followed her. She went to a corner and put her hand on something. This the Inspector discovered to be a bundle containing a thick shirt, a chisel and a short implement. These were instruments particularly adapted to make holes of that kind on the lid of coffins. The Inspector further deposed that in pursuance of instructions, he opened the grave and removed the lid from the coffin, wherein there was the body of a female. The hair on her head had been violently disturbed and was lying underneath the hole in the coffin lid. There were no silver ornaments in the hair, nor earrings on the ears, neither any head-dress on the head. The silver bangles were on the arms, high up above the elbows. There was also a ring on one of the fingers of the left hand. A new lid was then put on the coffin and the grave filled in and chumamed over. After the 1st prisoner was arrested the Inspector went back to his house and searched it; he found an unlocked box in which were some pawn tickets and some female ornaments. One of these tickets was recognised by a pawnbroker as having been issued by his shop, and it related to a pair of ear-rings pawned by the 2nd prisoner. The land-lady of the house in which the 1st prisoner was arrested gave testimony to the 1st prisoner and his wife having lived in the house since April 1876. The 1st prisoner frequently visited them. On the 13th November last, the 1st prisoner left home leaving his wife in the house. The 2nd prisoner then came to live with the woman until the 5th inst., when the 1st prisoner returned. He accused his wife of infidelity and beat her as well as the 2nd prisoner, who then went away from the house altogether. He came again on the 18th or 19th inst. with a sword in his hand and threatened to kill the 1st prisoner. The latter, however, was not at home, and he was persuaded to leave the house. On the 23rd the 2nd prisoner came again and saw the 1st prisoner. He said "You tore my clothes and beat me; if you do not pay me I will call the Police." The 1st prisoner replied "Very well, when I have money, I will pay you," adding "I do not believe what I heard about you and my wife, I do not like you roving about the street; I will forgive you all about it, and you had better come back to live, and while I have rice, you can partake of it." The 2nd prisoner said "If you will pay me for the clothing, I will come back, if not I will call the Police." The next time he came again was with the Police when the 1st was arrested. The land-lady did not know anything about the robbery of the house, nor of the implements. The interpreter at the West Point Station was examined, but he only confirmed the fact that the prisoners had made certain statements. The 1st prisoner then made his defence. He stated that the 2nd prisoner was his nephew and had no employment, but he always came to have a meal; that the charge was false; and that during his absence the 2nd prisoner had been to live with his wife. On his return to the Colony, he went home at 9 p.m., and found the 2nd prisoner was taking a meal with his wife in his room. He was very angry, but concealed his anger. He made enquiries next few days, and found that what he heard regarding his wife was true. He spoke to his wife, who confessed that she had been a very bad woman. He therefore beat his wife and the 2nd prisoner, turning the latter out of the house. Afterwards he heard that the 2nd prisoner had been to his house with a sword. He came again afterwards and 1st prisoner told him "You are my relation, I will look over what has passed; you must not go roving about the streets. You can come back to the house." After that he brought a Constable and preferred this false charge against him. The land-lady could prove that he was in the house on the night of the 10th inst. The land-lady of the house was examined on behalf of the 1st prisoner, but she could not say that the 1st prisoner was at home on the night of the 10th inst., as her child was sick that evening and she was too busy attending to it. Both prisoners were committed for trial.

### SWATOW ATHLETIC SPORTS.

(Communicated.)

The usual monotonous routine of business in this progressive but somewhat neglected portion of the Celestial Empire, was enlivened on the 24th current, by a regularly organised Athletic Meeting at which one and all of the residents took part, and from the success which crowned the day it is to be hoped that these gatherings will continue to flourish. The day was all that could be wished, although at one time it was feared we should have rain.

There was a large gathering of Europeans, and among the spectators could be reckoned quite a number of the fair sex, whose presence added greatly to the tone of the proceedings.

The ground, which was lent for the occasion by an old and much-respected member of the community, was tastefully decorated with flags, and refreshments were provided in tents erected for the purpose and for the convenience of the guests, among whom, taking great interest in the events of the day, were the whole of the notable Chinese officials connected with the place, and great praise is due to the able management of the Stewards and Committee.

1.—PUTTING THE SHOT. Cup, valued \$5.—There were nine entries for this event, but only six competed, viz.: Messrs King, Bridgman, Cuniffy, Sage, Pollock, Nonchen. Mr Cuniffy who was decidedly the favourite commenced by putting 28 feet with little or no effort, followed by Mr King with 30 feet 4 inches; this was again topped by Sage with 30 feet 5 inches, and this was evidently his best, as after this he fell back and was soon out of the game, retiring gracefully with Nonchen, whose best throw was 24.7.—The prize now rested between King and Cuniffy, the latter being declared winner, having reached 34.9, against Mr King's 33.3.—Mr King's style being certainly superior to that of Cuniffy whose putting to him more the appearance of a throw. The result was, Cuniffy 34.9, King 33.3, Sage 30.7.

2.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE. Cup, valued \$25.—Of thirteen entries for this race only seven came to the post. There was some little skirmishing, and a few false starts were made owing to the starters pistol missing fire; this mode of starting being abandoned, the field got away well together at the fall of a flag—an unfortunate, not understanding the change of programme, remained arguing with the starter until the race was over, which was rather unfortunate as he was confident of winning had he started. D'Arroux, Bridgman and Cuniffy being equally favoured, the excitement was very great, the running was very good, and for the first few yards all three kept well together, but D'Arroux soon showed to the front, closely followed by Bridgman, Cuniffy coming in a fair third.

1, D'Arroux, Time, 12 sec.  
2, Bridgman, " 12 sec.  
3, Cuniffy, " 18 sec.

3.—THREE LEGGED RACE PRIZE.—For this race only five couples came to the front, and it was quite open who would be the winners; a good start was obtained, but in a few seconds one unfortunate couple came utterly to grief, and rolled over each other in a most frantic manner, trying hard to gain an upright, but utterly failing in the attempt; three couples came in neck and neck about 3 seconds behind the winners. It was a very good race and the winners were greatly cheered, they having taken the lead at the commencement and kept it all through.

1, Bridgman & Paul, Time, 18 sec.  
2, Patterson & Rogge, " 20 sec.

4.—WIDE JUMP. Cup, valued \$25.—Five Competitors came to the post, viz.: King, D'Arroux, Wittle, Bridgman, and Sage. Wittle and Sage soon gave out and left the other three equal at 14 feet 9 inches; some pretty jumping now took place and ended by King being declared winner, although Bridgman cleared 17 feet 2 inches; this fine jump was unfortunately given as a foul and being his last chance he had to retire with second place, both Bridgman's and D'Arroux's style being much superior to that of King's.

1, King, 16 feet 8 inches.  
2, Bridgman, " 7 "  
3, D'Arroux, " 5 "

5.—HALF MILE FLAT RACE. Cup, valued \$35.—Only three started for this race, viz.: Cuniffy, Nonchen and Scott. A good start was made. Cuniffy taking the lead from the commencement, followed closely by Nonchen, Scott a feeble third, and in this order they finished, Cuniffy winning easily. Nonchen ran well and evidently misjudged his adversary's powers of endurance, and might have shown well to the front had he put on his spurt a little sooner.

1, Cuniffy.  
2, Nonchen.  
3, Scott.  
Time, 2 m. 45 sec.

6.—HIGH JUMP. Cup, valued \$25.—Three contestants only put in an appearance for this event. King, D'Arroux and Bridgman, and owing to the take off not being good or some other cause the jumping was not as good as might have been expected. King collapsed at 4 feet 6 inches and left the prize for D'Arroux, and Bridgman, when the height of 4 feet 7 inches had been reached Bridgman failed, thus leaving D'Arroux the winner.

1, D'Arroux, 4 feet 7 inches.  
2, Bridgman, 4 " 6 "

7.—SACK RACE PRIZE.—This was certainly the most amusing event of the meeting and created roars of laughter. The competitors started and all went off fairly well together, but only a few yards had been covered when Esten found the ground very suddenly and gripped his nose; Cuniffy having come to grief attempted to roll in and mangled to get between two sacks, bringing them all in a heap to the ground; Rogge having got over half the course tripped up and fuddled more colour in his cheeks than when he started. It now became exciting in the extreme, and the race lay between Sage, Granatelli and Paul; Granatelli rushed to the front and became an easy winner, followed by Sage, Paul being in the meantime come a purser was dragged in by a few of his supporters.

1, Granatelli.  
2, Sage.

8.—HURDLE RACE, 120 YARDS, 10 FLIGHTS.—Cup, valued \$25.—This being looked upon as the event of the day it was rather disappointing to only three candidates showed up, viz.: they were the favourites some of whom were disappointed. D'Arroux and King went well together, followed closely by Bridgman, who, however, was not as good as might have been expected. D'Arroux was equally to the seventh hurdle, when King drew slightly ahead; D'Arroux soon regained his lost ground and looked like winning, the last hurdle being cleared by both men simultaneously; King however taking it in his stride had the advantage of D'Arroux who landed from a jump and came to the post close on the heels of the winner. King certainly cleared his hurdles in splendid style.

1, King.  
2, D'Arroux.  
3, Bridgman.  
Time, 21 seconds.

9.—HANDICAP, 45 YARDS, FLAT RACE. Cup, valued \$25.—Of nine entries for this race seven came to the starting post, and one post entry was made, making the number eight in all; two false starts having been made, the third was more successful and all got off fairly well; the tail was soon disposed of, and the race was finished by Mr Fyfe (of the S. S. *State of Louisiana*), coming in an easy winner; it was evident from the first that Mr Fyfe would not be far off at the finish, and from his style and the ease with which he finished this gentleman possesses no mean powers of endurance, and we anticipate hearing more of his prowess should the vessel to which he belongs remain long on the coast.

1, Fyfe, 5 yards.  
2, Cuniffy, scratch.  
3, Frunauer, 16 yards.

The programme finished up by a Tag of War, Swatow against the World, won by Swatow after a pretty hard struggle. The prizes were then distributed by the Ladies and some neat little speeches were made on the occasion. It is notable that out of seven Cups, six have been carried off by members of the Customs Staff, and it is but fair to state that to the regret of all, one of our most prominent Athletes was unfortunately prevented by illness from taking part in the Sports.

*Palmas qui meruit ferat.*

### China.

FOOCHOW.

(Herald, Mar. 22.)

The Customs Cruiser *King Feng* returned from Wen Chow to-day. She brings satisfactory information as to the friendly bearing of the inhabitants.

Mr Skatcheff, Consul-General for Russia in China and Japan, has just paid a flying visit to this port—having arrived per S. S. *Tatien* and left per S. S. *Douglas*.

A steam launch was, we hear, nearly swamped on Tuesday night last, in trying to reach the S. S. *Douglas*, against a strong head-wind. Fortunately for those on board, the launch, although in a sinking condition, was just able to steam alongside a Chinese gunboat.

*Appropos* of the late fires in the Settlement, it is said that the Chinese inhabitants are making strenuous efforts to close the numerous gambling houses in the neighborhood. Much mischief is caused by these establishments, in addition to the increased risk of fire consequent on the careless habits of the frequenters.

The wreck of a small foreign-built vessel, painted white, and supposed to be a pilot-boat, was seen off Turnabout Island on the 27th ultimo. During the recent trip of H. M. S. *Sheeldrake* to the Haitian Straits, enquiries were, we believe, made regarding this wreck; but without eliciting any satisfactory information.

H. M. S. *Sheeldrake* returned from the Haitian Straits on the 18th inst., and is now ornamenting the Pagoda Anchorage. This valuable craft draws too much water to render practicable any visit to the Foreign Settlement—even at the top of a spring tide. It is therefore beyond a joke to look upon her as a protection to the British community of the port. Her presence on this station bears in fact its own tale of Admiralty bungling;—or how not to do the right thing.

Since the publication of our last issue, two large fires have to be chronicled,—one in the South Suburb, and the other in the Foreign Settlement. The first named broke out on Sunday, at about 1 p.m. in an opium shop near the long bridge. It might probably have been extinguished at once, had not a number of roughs rushed in to steal the drug, thereby causing great confusion. Messrs. Gilman & Co's fire engine was in attendance protecting Messrs. Ollie & Co's shop, and a neighboring godown or packing house. The fire raged till 2 a.m. on Monday, ending in the destruction of about 400 Chinese houses, and the loss of three lives.

The second fire occurred on Monday, shortly after 9 p.m. originating in a Ningpo merchant's house, close to the creek forming the eastern boundary of Messrs. John Forster & Co's shop. The native version of the affair is to the effect that a man was upstairs enjoying his afternoon pipe when some sparks fell on a bundle of nanketees, which quickly ignited and set fire to a quantity of hemp, rope, mats, and other stuff about the place; before the flames could be extinguished. There being so much combustible matter at hand the fire spread with great rapidity, and might have led to the destruction of a vast amount of foreign property had not circumstances been favorable for stopping its progress. As it occurred during the day time there was, of course, less difficulty in dealing with it, and there was fortunately but little wind, and a high tide. Messrs. John Forster & Co. had a large fire engine which was immediately available; and was in a very short time followed by engines from Messrs. Gilman & Co., Birley & Co., Russell & Co., Adamson Bell & Co., Gibb, Livingston & Co., Jardine, Matheson & Co., and the Maritime Customs, besides gangs of men from other foreign hongs. A Mandarin was also in attendance with some soldiers. The house was so intense that the corner of Messrs. John Forster & Co's Godown at one time was on fire although there were two hoses playing on it. Their Tea-room windows and the upper verandah were also smoking, though later on they were removed, and the spars of the small bridge over the creek and about Messrs. Forster

& Co's waterside shed were with difficulty prevented from bursting into flames. Had they become ignited, the miserable shanties in front of Messrs. John Forster & Co's offices must have been burnt, in which case we do not see that any efforts could have saved the Teon Ku Hong and the vast amount of adjacent foreign and native property. The fire was not long in running up the steps by the side of Messrs. Turner & Co's godown, but was checked in a most masterly manner by some foreigners—who evidently knew how to pull a house down,—thus preventing an alarming extension of fire in that direction. Luckily, only about 30 Chinese houses, in all, were burnt, the fire having been got well under before 4 p.m.

A question has been raised as to whether the occupants of the houses built over the brink of the river have any right to be there, and we hear that official enquiries are being instituted on the subject—with a view to the improvement of this very defective part of the main street. If these efforts are successful, a boon will be conferred on the entire population, the street at this part of the Settlement being wholly inadequate to the traffic constantly moving along it.

### CELEBRITIES AT HOME.

(World.)

Miss M. E. BRADDON (Mrs. MAXWELL) AT REMONDO.

As a solitary gleam of wintry sunshine lights up the shapely trees and broad green glades of Richmond Park, and the wind whistles the leaves in circling eddies, we discover that we are not alone in our morning car. Sweeping along at a hand-gallop comes a lady clad in riding-dress of the severest order; the sable habit is relieved only by a tiny patch of colour at the throat, and the orthodox 'chimney-pot' completes the costume. The horsewoman is the owner of a name known wherever the English—and for that matter the French—language is spoken; for her work, once sneered at in this country as 'sensational', was quickly appreciated by the Gaul, whose keen instinct detected its dramatic power.—She sits her white-footed golden bay squarely and well, now and then leaning slightly forward to pat his muscular neck, and call him by pet names; for Kaiser is a favourite animal with his mistress, who, as her writings indicate, possesses a generous sympathy with horses and dogs, cats and birds. Her gallop on Kaiser is at once the exercise and the recreation of one of the most diligent and successful workers of the time; but it is soon over, and we turn our horses' heads towards Lichfield House, a fine old dwelling of various-coloured brick, with oaken staircase, bay windows, and oddly-shaped rooms, looking over long strips of lawn extending from end to end of the stiff rectangular garden, in which 'pin-backs' and Usters look out of place. Those long straight walks were made to be swept by the 'seques', indented by the red heels, scratched into odd patterns by the scabbards, and prodded by the clouded canes of a generation which took its pleasure in 'trim gardens', were a watch in each fob, and turned a repartee or parried a rapier-thrust with the same elegant facility. As we arrive at the stables of the old mansion of the Bishops of Lichfield, Mrs. Maxwell performs a duty, the omission of which on any occasion would be felt as a grievous wrong by the intelligent and affectionate Kaiser. Quickly alighting his mistress leads him to his loose box, takes off his bridle, and feeds him from a huge silver of bread. This pleasant duty over, the hour of work arrives—of quick work too, for the author of *Aurora Floyd* rarely writes for more than two hours a day. This may not seem a very long spell of toil, but in Mrs. Maxwell's case the stamping in black and white of the scene or subject previously thought out with great care is rapidly performed, the two hours sufficing for the production of four pages of letterpress. Probably literature has no more earnest devotee; for apart from her center in Richmond Park and her household duties, her entire time is devoted to literature, to reading; omnivorously, to thinking out new subjects, accumulating facts, acquiring technical expressions, and inventing illustrations. Above the pretty drawing-room, adjacent to the grounds where stood Pagoda House, is a certain blue chamber, from which the profane are rigidly excluded. This is the literary workshop. In the centre of the room is a great square table, covered with books of reference and a litter of pamphlets and papers, odds and ends of every imaginable kind. There is also a huge office-table and an upright desk, with a regiment of drawers opening and shutting simultaneously. But not one of these aids to composition is favoured by Mrs. Maxwell, who prefers an eccentric attitude of her own. By the fireside is a particularly low uncomfortable chair. In the novel huddle herself up, with a piece of thick cardboard resting on her lap, and a little ink-bottle held firmly against it with the left hand. This apparently cramped position appears to be favourable to composition, for the pen moves swiftly over the great square slips of paper, and the corrections are few and far between. If we are not mistaken, it was once an article of popular belief that the calligraphy of literary folk was of the worst possible quality, and that they took a savage delight in leaving something to the compositor's imagination. This has ceased to be, at least universally, the case now. Those who write a great deal ought to know that it saves time to be very legible, and Mrs. Maxwell, who has written more than thirty three-volume novels since she penned the *Trial of the Serpent*, writes a singularly clear hand on the inner edge of the pen, and punctuates most exactly. In the handwriting itself there is nothing feminine—it might have been written by the adjutant of a cavalry regiment; but the woman peeps out in the tailor's thimble which protects the middle finger from the brand of ink. Mrs. Maxwell has by practice reduced writing—the mere production of copy—to a science. From the outer edge of the pen she has turned to the inner, as affording more space for the hand, and has systematically reduced the size of her letters, because she has discovered a truth which deserves to be published—that the massive character now in fashion takes more time than a smaller style, because the writer must cover more ground.

Having been admitted to the privilege of seeing Mrs. Maxwell at work, we hardly feel justified in revealing a secret without which the information we have supplied would be worthless. There is 'copy' all over the room, as there are pictures; as there are books, as there are receipts and bills and housekeeping accounts, but the 'copy' is merely the outward expression, the visible sign of work. Where is the hidden spring? In a small drawer carefully locked repose the 'skeletons' of the novelist. They occupy very little space, these dry bones, to be afterwards 'clothed on,' as Mr. Tennyson has it, with flesh and blood, light and warmth, life and atmosphere. *Dead Men's Shoes* in the 'skeleton' hardly covers a couple of pages, and there has evidently been much resetting of the bones and rearrangement of the vertebrae. The difficulty of the writer is not in making the 'skeleton,' but in clinging faithfully to it to the end. As the work goes on and the creature breathes and moves, it displays an irrepressible instinct either to break out of bonds, to multiply the number of its vertebrae, or to abandon the higher form altogether and dwindle into an invertebrate of one volume. It requires something beyond imagination and mere power of writing to curb the unruly beast trying to bolt out of the course, and to spur the laggard who dies away to nothing at the distance-post. This last metaphor, by the way, would have rejoiced the soul of Miss Braddon's father, who, under the signature of 'Rough Robin,' wrote many an article in the old *Sporting Magazine* (Pittman's), which preceded *Daily*. Many ingenious theories have been propounded to account for the knowledge of horseflesh displayed in *Aurora Floyd*. One wiseacre asserted that Mrs. Maxwell was born at Malton in Yorkshire, under the very shadow of Whitwell; that her baby footstools were made on Langton Wood; that she 'lipped in numbers' as they went up on the Knave's-mire; that she read *Ruff's Guide* when other children would have been reading *Robinson Crusoe*. But our wiseacre's traditions are, as Mr. Hugelmann remarked on a memorable occasion, *comme toutes les traditions*. Mrs. Maxwell's father was not a Yorkshire but a Cornishman; she has never been to Yorkshire except on a visit; and she acquired her knowledge of sporting events from her father, as she inherited her literary taste from her mother.

Long before the period of *Lady Audley*, *Aurora Floyd*, and *Henry Dunbar*, Miss Braddon had commenced literary work after the fashion sanctioned by generations of authors. She had written verses, and collected the best of them in a volume, entitled *Gurballis*, and other Poems, and published in 1801. Equally in accordance with precedent, Miss Braddon wrote for the stage (*Tristram*, a success *Tristram*, and a little piece for Miss Swanborough, the *Love of Arcadia*, which produced that sweetest of moneys, the first one earns. Meanwhile she had several novels upon the stocks, and among them the unsung trump card, *Lady Audley's Secret*. This story was the source of unmitigated misery to its author, who misadvised the well incident, and trembled at the fire with Robert looked up in his room. It came out in a serial named *Robin Good-fellow*, long since defunct, and at first made no sign; but when it appeared in three volumes, it at once placed the writer in the front rank of novelists. Its success was by no means retarded by its being dubbed a 'sensational' novel. In 1862 the critics had been weaned from the strong situations which the late Lord Lytton and Charles Dickens had used so skillfully, and insisted on the merit of the *roman de caractère*, made popular in France by Balzac and in England by his great disciple Thackeray. *Lady Audley* was cried down as 'sensational,' but was eagerly read by the public, who, despite the teaching of superior beings, are always impressed by dramatic force. *Aurora Floyd*, a far better-written story, recalled the critics to Miss Braddon, who shortly afterwards produced *Henry Dunbar*, as great a success on the stage as in the library. At this period Miss Braddon worked almost incessantly, and produced in rapid succession a number of novels, among which the *Doctor's Wife* bears perhaps the greatest evidence of careful execution. Reading widely and diligently, she gave her chief study to Balzac and Bulwer, reading their works over and over again, and received many flattering letters and useful hints from the great English novelist, who mingled severe but salutary criticism in his pleasant epistles, carefully treasured until now at Lichfield House. It is, however, curious evidence of the waywardness of human nature that Mrs. Maxwell confesses that although she regards Balzac and Bulwer as the great masters of prose fiction, she has experienced more pleasure in reading Dickens than any other author, dead or alive. When in her pleasant drawing-room, surrounded by her pet editions of favourite authors, she is not chary of delivering her opinions of contemporaries, of whom she holds George Eliot in especial veneration. 'It is true, art,' maintains Mrs. Maxwell, 'to have one's sympathies in favour of Hetty Sorrel. She is vain, silly, and almost heartless; but her very folly and helplessness compel my pity, and although I have read *Aurora Floyd* a dozen times, I can never restrain my tears for Hetty.' The inventor of the 'sensational' novel is brimful of sensibility, and, moreover, knows the value of the maxim *caveat emptor*. In other circumstances she is by no means a tearful personage, but full of spirit, dash, and vivacity. As she flashes out an opinion that bright gray eyes light up, and the voice becomes full of earnestness. It would perhaps hardly be correct to style Mrs. Maxwell's conversation as brilliant. It has other and more valuable qualities in its wonderful light and shade, its quaint suggestiveness, earnest sympathy with all that is true and noble, and keen appreciation of everything beautiful in nature and art. Yet with every temptation to indulge in social pleasures, Mrs. Maxwell preserves her love for the genuine work of literature, instead of the more widely appreciated diversion of talking about it, and lives like a true artist, entirely in her art.

### GEORGE ELIOT'S EARNINGS.

George Eliot is the subject of every letter writer as well as of every critic, and the *Boston Herald* publishes a long sketch of her life and characteristics which contains some interesting new statements. The writer says these figures do not materially vary from the truth as to George Eliot's earnings from her works: "Scenes of Clerical Life," \$1,000; "Silas Marner," \$1,500; "Adam Bede," \$3,500; "Mill on the Floss," \$4,000; "Romola," \$3,000; "Felix Holt," \$4,500; "Spanish Gypsy," \$200; "Middlemarch," \$2,000; "Jubal," \$400; "Daniel Deronda," \$2,000; making \$34,000 in all, or about \$160,000 in our currency. This is an average of \$9,000 a year, for the eighteen years in which she has been writing.

A GORONZOUT West recently reasoned out a verdict more sensible than one-half the verdicts usually rendered. It appears that an Irishman conceiving that a little powder thrown upon some green wood would facilitate its burning, directed a small stream from a keg upon the burning pile, but not possessing a hand sufficiently quick to cut this off at the desirable

moment, he was blown into a million pieces. The following was the verdict delivered with great gravity by the official:—"Can't be called suicide, because he didn't mean to kill himself; it wasn't visitation of God, because he wasn't struck by lightning; he didn't die for want of breath, for he hadn't anything left to breathe with; it's plain he didn't know what he was about, so I shall bring in—*dead for want of common sense*."

### Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 29, 1877.  
OPIUM.—New Patna, cash... \$585  
" New Bonanza, cash, 550  
" New Malwa, cash, 555  
" credit, 560  
" Allowance Teels, 4 a 24  
" Old Malwa, cash, 575  
" credit, 580  
" Allowance Teels, 12 a 16  
CAMPHOR, ... 16 a 16  
QUICKSILVER, ... 61 a 62  
SALTPETRE, ... 5.70 a 6.20

### Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/10  
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/10  
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/11 3/11  
Credits, ... 3/11 3/11  
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/11 3/11  
Bombay, ... 22 1/2  
Calcutta, ... 22 1/2  
Shanghai, demand, ... 7 1/2  
" 30 days, ... 7 1/2  
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... 8 1/2 prem.  
Mexicans, ... 3 1/2  
Gold Leaf, ... 25.50  
English Sovereigns, ... 5.07  
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.07  
Discount, ... 7 a 9 %

### Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 31  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$540  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$150  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$2,100  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$620  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$200  
North China Ins. Co., \$10  
Yongtze Ins. Association, \$10  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 32 1/2  
S.K. & M. S.-boat Co., \$10  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$5  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$108/10

### Temperatures.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, March 29, 1877.  
BAROMETER.—9 A.M. ... 30.100  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.050  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.025  
THERMOMETER.—9 A.M. ... 60 1/2  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 60 1/2  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 60  
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 60  
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 60  
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 60  
Do. Maximum ... 60 1/2  
Do. Minimum over night 56 1/2

### Shipping Intelligence.

#### HOME SHIPPING.

The following is corrected from the latest London Papers:—

#### DEPARTURES.

Nov. 17, Eliza Shaw, from London to Shanghai.  
Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 23, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 23, Madura, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 23, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 23, New Era, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 4, Bendultha, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Hongkong.  
Dec. 17, Carrieks, from London to Hongkong.  
Dec. 19, Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 20, Chinaman, from London to Hongkong.  
Dec. 22, Sophie, from New York to Hongkong.  
Dec. 23, Ino, from Greenock to Swatow.  
Dec. 23, John Nicholson, from New York to Shanghai.  
Dec. 27, Undine, from London to Shanghai.  
Dec. 29, Glysses (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai, (at Singapore, repairing).  
Dec. 30, Canaan, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Jan. 4, O. R. Bishop, from London to Hongkong.  
Jan. 11, Windhover, from London to Shanghai.  
Jan. 12, Woodhall, from Hamburg to Hongkong.  
Jan. 12, Hope, from London to Hongkong.  
Jan. 16, Gryfe, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Jan. 18, Batavia, from Hamburg to Hongkong.  
Jan. 31, Forward Ho, from London to Shanghai.  
Feb. 1, Robert Henderson, from Buryport to Hongkong.  
Feb. 2, Polyasnia, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Feb. 5, Carrials, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Feb. 8, Daphne, from London to Hongkong.  
Feb. 12, Leading Wind, from Antwerp to Hongkong.  
Feb. 15, Bortha (str.), from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Feb. 15, Glaucus (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai.

#### LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.  
Argentine. Candia.  
Flora Castle. Glenasm.  
Soudia.

#### Sailing Vessels.

Sir Lancelot. Helvet Will.  
City of Aberdeen. Penrhin.  
Antwerp. Enid.  
Scindia. Oskan.  
Commaury. Kismet.  
At Liverpool.  
Anchises (str.). Lord Macaulay.  
C. W. Cochrane.  
At Glasgow.  
Glenaspig (str.). Isle of Erin.



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**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
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AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.  
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.  
NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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(FIRE AND LIFE.)  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals, in Matched, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.  
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If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single Life.  
For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to  
**ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.**  
Agents Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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THE Underigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.  
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NOTICE.  
POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.  
OLYPHANT & Co.,  
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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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Agents.  
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 23, 1872.

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THE Underigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.  
A Discount of 20% allowed.  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, January 8, 1874.

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Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

Mails.  
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THE S. S. "BELGIO," will be dispatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 3rd Proximo, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.  
Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 2nd Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same to be required.  
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1877. ap3

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STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES; ALSO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS AND CALCUTTA.

ON THURSDAY, the 8th April, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. "PEIHO," Commandant LEONTOINE, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.  
Cargo and Species will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.  
Shipping orders will be granted till noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Species and Parcels until 5 p.m. on the 4th April, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are required.  
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.  
H. DU POUY, Agent.  
Hongkong, March 23, 1877. ap3

**U. S. MAIL LINE.**  
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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Through Passengers Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.  
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At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.  
Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 13th April. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same to be required.  
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.  
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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.  
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, March 21, 1877. ap14

**Intimations.**  
AS YON, SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,  
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SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES  
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.  
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WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price \$1 each.  
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Intimations.  
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For the Consul,  
G. BOULOZE, Vice-Consul.  
Hongkong, December 13, 1876.

**NOW READY.**  
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Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.  
Hongkong, July 31, 1873.

**NOTICE.**  
THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TRI-WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.  
The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the China Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisement.  
The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.  
For terms, &c., address  
MR CHUN AYIN, Manager.  
China Mail Office,  
17th February, 1874.

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.**  
THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situate between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$80,000.  
The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.  
The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next.  
For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.  
D. C. PRESGRAVE,  
Municipal Secretary.  
Penang, Municipal Office,  
The 21st September, 1876.

**THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.**  
THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:—  
Macao.—Man Chuen Shop.  
Canton.—Sing Chuen Native Post Office, Luen Hing Street; Chui Hong Low Hotel, Luen Hing Street; Kwong Tin Fat Shop, Yan Tai Street; Mr Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen Kwan; Yuen Fong Shop, in front of the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen; How Yuen Shop, Small Market Street, New City; Yee Cheung Photograph Shop, Honam; Kwai Heng Shop, Sin Cheong, Honam.  
Swatow.—Sui Cheong Hong; Woh Shun Loong Hong.  
Amoy.—Chun Cheong Hong, Mook Kek Street.  
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Ningpo.—Mr Sung Min Cheo, Martime Customs.  
Hankow.—Yee Hing Hong.  
Chefoo.—Yee Shun Hong.  
Japan.—Mr Leong Chun Tong, Municipal Office, Yokohama.  
Saigon.—Wohang Hong.  
Singapore.—Ting Kee Hong; Kwong Fook Sang Hong.  
Penang.—Yow Wing Fong; Argus Office.  
Calcutta.—Mow Sing Company.  
San Francisco.—Kwong Fook Sang Hong.  
The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express carriers who carry the official despatches and Peking Gazettes, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.  
Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

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Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

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CHUN AYIN, Manager.  
Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

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THE TREATY PORTS OF China and Japan.

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The scope of this work includes detailed descriptions of important Sites and Monuments, notes on the CLIMATE and general TOPOGRAPHY, FAUNA, FLORA, GEOLOGY and METEOROLOGY of each Port and its neighbourhood, with HISTORICAL NOTICES and minute details respecting the rise and progress and social characteristics of the several foreign settlements. To these particulars are added summaries and statistics of the TRADE of each open Port, compiled from official returns, together with statements respecting COINAGE, CURRENCY, and EXCHANGE, LINES OF STEAM COMMUNICATION, DISTANCES, and rates of PASSAGE MONEY. Hints, and recommendations to travellers, giving full particulars of OUTFIT and mode of proceeding to the less frequented settlements are also included, combined with notes on DOMESTIC MARKETS and Mode of Living.

In addition to furnishing similar particulars the Section devoted to Hongkong contains a historical sketch forming a chronological index of the chief events which occupied public attention between 1841 and 1866, including POLITICAL EVENTS, Changes in the GOVERNMENT SERVICE, the passing of important ORDINANCES, the ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE of EMINENT RESIDENTS, a record of the most notable PIRACIES, ROBBERIES, MURDERS, FRAUDS, FIRES and CRIMINAL TRIALS, and PRESENTATIONS, &c., &c.

The Appendix contains full tables of the various steam companies' lines. It also includes a GAZETTEER of over 440 works published in the English language upon China and Japan, while a copious INDEX at the end of the work affords a ready means of reference to the reader.

## HONGKONG MARKET PRICES, Corrected to Saturday, March 24, 1877. At 1110 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

**Butcher's Meat.**  
Bacon, English, lb. 450 400  
" Amer. Sugar cured, 300 250  
" Foochow, 160 140  
Beef, sirloin and prime cut, cy. 160 150  
Beef Corned, catty 150 140  
" Roast, 150 140  
" Soup, 80 80  
" Steak, 150 140  
Bullocks' Brains, per set 60 50  
" Tongue, fresh, each 275 250  
" " corned, 320 300  
" Head, 600 500  
" Heart, 150 140  
" Feet, 50 40  
" Kidneys, 60 50  
" Tail, 100 90  
" Liver, catty 80 60  
" Tripe (undressed), catty 50 40  
Calves' Head and Feet, set 500 400  
Hams, American, lb. 300 280  
" Chinese, 180 170  
" English, 360 340  
Mutton Chop, 180 170  
" Leg, 180 170  
" Shoulder, 130 120  
" Liver, 130 120  
Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50  
" Feet, 100 90  
" Fry, 110 100  
" Head, 90 80  
" Heart, 60 50  
" Kidneys, 80 70  
" Liver, lb. 100 80  
Pork, Chop, catty 150 140  
" Corned, 180 120  
" Leg, 180 140  
" Fat or Lard, 110 100  
Sheep's Head and Feet, set 340 320  
" Heart, each 50 40  
" Kidneys, 80 70  
Sucking Pigs, 1750 1600  
Veal, catty 140 120

**Poultry.**  
Capons, catty 200 180  
Deer, each \$2.00 \$1.50  
Ducks, catty 130 120  
Eggs, Hen, doz. 100 —  
" Duck, 100 —  
" Salt, 120 —  
Fowls, catty 180 160  
Geese, 120 110  
Partridges, each 850 800  
Pheasants, Canton, live, pair \$2.00 —  
" Shanghai, dead, 1000 800  
Pigeons, each 150 130  
Quail, 100 90  
Rabbits, 800 600  
Snipe, each 120 110  
Teal, 250 220  
Turkeys, Cook, catty 650 600  
" Hen, 40 30  
Wild Duck, each 450 400

**Fish.**  
Bombay Ducks, new per hundred 350 300  
Bream, catty 100 90  
Carp, 80 70  
Codfish, Salt, lb. 150 —  
Crabs, catty 200 120  
Oatle Fish, 80 70  
Dace, 100 90  
Eels, Congor, 60 50  
File Fish, 70 60  
Fresh Fish, Large 130 120  
" Small 90 80  
Frogs, 200 160  
Garoupa, 250 140  
Herrings, 70 60  
" smoked, box \$1.00 —  
Live Fish, catty 140 120  
Lobsters, 80 70  
Mackerel, 50 40  
Mango Fish, 180 —  
Mullet, 100 90  
Oysters, 140 130  
Parrot Fish, 180 120  
Perch, 80 70  
Pomfret, 180 140  
Prawns, 130 120  
Ray, 180 140  
Roach, 160 —  
Rock Fish, 120 120  
Salmon, Canton, 100 70  
Salt Fish, 120 100  
Shark, young 70 60  
Shrimps, 70 60  
Skate, 60 50  
Snappers, 120 110  
Snipe Fish, 90 —  
Sole, Fresh 120 100  
Tench, 80 70  
Turtles, Small 400 350  
White Salt, 40 30

**Vegetables.**  
Asparagus, tin 450 400  
Bamboo Shoots, catty 100 80  
Beans, sprout, 20 14  
" Broad, 80 70  
" French from Macao, 70 50  
Beet Root, each 12 10  
Brussels, catty 12 10  
Cabbage, White Gerkon, 30 25  
" Common, 10 8  
" Hongkong, each 70 30  
" Macao, 70 30  
" Turnip, Bohl each 10 8  
" Red for pickling, 80 60  
Carrots, Salt, catty 20 —

**Fruits.**  
Aleurites, catty 80 50  
Apples, Dried, 500 400  
" Californian, 250 150  
Bananas, fragrant Puntl, 40 30  
Spinach, 40 30  
" Common, 25 20  
Chenets, new, 100 —  
Cocoanuts, each 50 40  
Currants, bottle 400 350  
" lb. 200 180  
Dates, bottle 500 400  
Figs, Dried, 500 400  
Ground Nuts, catty 40 30  
Lemons, 120 100  
Licences, Dried, 200 180  
Loong Ngon, Dried, 400 200  
Loquats, 40 —  
Mangoes, each 100 70  
Olives, green, Puntl, catty 60 50  
Oranges, (Oocle) Chang, 40 30  
" Sweet, Sun-woy, 250 180  
" (Mand.) coolie, 100 80  
" (Mandarin), 120 100  
" dark-skinned, 90 80  
Papaw, 150 130  
Pears, Nanking, 180 120  
Pears, Chefoo, 180 100  
Pine-apples, Puntl, each 60 50  
Plantains, common, catty 80 20  
" fragrant, 40 30  
Plums, 80 70  
Prunes, Dried, bottle 300 250  
Pumelos or Shaddock, each 80 60  
Raisins, Muscatel, bottle 750 600  
" lb. 200 180  
Salsbury Seeds, Pak-kwo, catty 80 70  
Sugar Cane, stick 25 20  
Tamarinds, catty 60 50  
Walnuts, 110 100  
Water Chestnuts, Canton, 50 40

**Miscellaneous.**  
Allspice, Chinese, bottle 200 —  
" English, 750 500  
Barley, picul 1500 1500  
Beans, picul 1500 1400  
Butter, lb. 600 500  
Candied Orange Peel, bottle 750 700  
" Lemon, 750 700  
Capers, 250 220  
Charcoal, picul 1000 1000  
Cheese, American, lb. 400 350  
Cinnamon, catty 300 250  
Citron, 180 150  
Cloves, 700 600  
Cocoanut Oil, bottle 180 150  
Coffee, lb. 280 200  
Curry Powder, bottle 500 250  
Firewood, picul 400 350  
Flour, catty 40 30  
Gram, picul 3000 2750  
Isinglass, pkg. 750 —  
Lamp Oil, catty 90 80  
Macaroni, box 1000 750  
Mace, catty 750 —  
Mango/Chutney, bottle 500 300  
Mustard, 150 180  
Nutmegs, each 10 —  
Olives, bottle 250 200  
Paddy, picul 1800 1600  
Pearl Barley, bottle 220 180  
Pepper (whole), catty 270 220  
" (ground), bottle 250 200  
Pickles, 200 180  
Rice, catty 40 35  
Sago, 100 80  
Said Oil, 250 180  
Salt, Coarse, — 10  
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